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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION

This is in response to the Final Rejection dated July 5, 2007. Entry of this response is solicited on the ground that it will place the case in condition for Allowance or in better condition for Appeal. Also entry is solicited because a new issue (double patenting over U.S. 6,638,959) has been raised in the Final Rejection.

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following amendment and remarks. Filed concurrently herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection based on U.S. 6,638,959. Authorization for payment of the fee for the Terminal Disclaimer is included in this submission.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on Page 4 of this Response.

CERTIFICATE OF SUBMISSION

I hereby certify that in accordance with standard business practice, this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being submitted on the date shown below to the United States Postal Service via EFS-Web.

September 18, 2007
Date

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